



# ORD's Office of Science Policy Environmental Justice Program

## *Factsheet*

*Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, culture, education or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.*

Environmental justice works to ensure that all people are protected from disproportionate environmental and health hazards, and benefit from clean, healthy surroundings and sustainable economic development. The Office of Research and Development's (ORD) charge is to identify research needs to be assessed within the established ORD planning process and to coordinate responses to information requests from EPA's Office of Environmental Justice.

ORD supports the Agency's environmental justice activities, either directly or indirectly, in its research programs and when providing expert advice and scientific leadership in the development of Agency science policies. An ORD Office of Science Policy (OSP) representative serves as the co-Designated Federal Officer (co-DFO), with a representative from the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, to the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) Health and Research Subcommittee. ORD's co-DFO also is the Environmental Justice Coordinator for ORD.

The NEJAC Health and Research Subcommittee is comprised of environmental justice experts from academia, state and local government, and the private sector, who advise EPA on science issues pertaining to environmental justice in general, with particular emphasis on community health. The current Subcommittee members and co-DFOs are:

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